

Weather Forecast

Sunny, warm, highest in low 70s this afternoon. Clear, cooler tonight, lowest about 48. Fair, cool tomorrow, Sunday.

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Administration Prepares to Junk Virtually All Price, Wage Curbs; Porter Planning to Leave OPA

High Official Predicts Truman May Issue Ruling Next Week

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith
Associated Press Staff Writer

The administration is getting ready to junk virtually all remaining price and wage controls—and it was learned today that OPA Chief Porter plans to resign.

Only final approval from President Truman was reported necessary to strip away all remaining price ceilings except those on rents, sugar, sirups and rice.

Many other wartime controls such as those on wages are expected to disappear at the same time.

Friends of Mr. Porter said he hopes the White House decision "would come quickly."

They added that as soon as it is announced, Mr. Porter will go to the White House for a private talk with President Truman and offer his resignation.

Final Ruling Expected Soon.

Mr. Porter was drafted from the chairmanship of the Federal Communications Commission early in the war to serve in a number of key agencies. He took over the OPA when former Administrator Chester Bowles resigned last June.

It has been reported on a number of occasions, without official confirmation, that the FCC job was waiting for Mr. Porter when he would up his OPA duties. Charles R. Denny has been acting chairman of FCC since February.

It is considered significant that the chairmanship has never been filled formally.

Friends of Mr. Porter said he has been pressing for a clarification of White House policy on remaining price limits ever since President Truman yanked the ceiling from meats and livestock on October 14.

One high Government official told a reporter that Mr. Truman will make a final ruling in a day or so and probably announce it next week.

The consensus among agency officials who have been conferring the last two weeks on the subject is that the time has come to junk nearly all of the control program, except for rents and sugar.

There is some opposition to this, notably on the part of Housing Administrator Wyatt, but he and others who have favored a go-slow policy reportedly are prepared for a decision in the other direction.

Building Materials Big Problem.

What to do about price ceiling on building materials has been one of the problems delaying the announcement of OPA's master decontrol list.

Mr. Wyatt, as one official put it, "very much would like to eliminate."

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Driver's License Hearing For Mrs. Roosevelt Delayed

By the Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 8.—A hearing on whether Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's driving license should be suspended or revoked because of an auto accident last August 14 has been indefinitely postponed.

The State Motor Vehicle Bureau indicated today.

The hearing, originally scheduled for today, was postponed because the bureau calendar was crowded with auto accidents. Mrs. Roosevelt's case will be heard at a date to be fixed later, the bureau said.

The accident in which she was involved occurred in Yonkers where she told police, she dozed off at the wheel of her auto and her car collided with another. It happened including Mrs. Roosevelt, were hurt.

Mrs. Durant Acquitted On Refusal to Testify

By the Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Kathleen Nash Durant, former WAC captain serving a five-year sentence for complicity in the theft of the \$1,500,000 Hesse family jewels, was acquitted today of charges growing out of her refusal to testify in the trial of another defendant in the case.

Mrs. Durant had refused to testify in the trial of Maj. David P. Watson on constitutional grounds that such testimony might incriminate her. Maj. Watson subsequently was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

White House Will Reopen to Public Thursday

The White House will be reopened to the public next Thursday on a five-day weekly basis, it was announced today.

Visitors will be received between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, from Tuesday through Saturday, but the mansion will be closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

Entrance will be through the east wing on East Executive Avenue. Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said, and no cards will be required to see the lower floor and the east room, which is the scene of large White House gatherings.

Visitors who desire to see the state parlors—such as the blue and red rooms and the state dining room—must obtain cards of admission from some member of Congress.

These regulations are substantially the same as those in force before the White House was closed as a war measure. Since Pearl Harbor visitors generally have not been permitted about a year before this country got into war visiting was limited to Saturdays.

Chiang Orders All His Troops To Cease Fire

Truce Move Is Aimed At Bringing Reds to National Assembly

By the Associated Press

NANKING, Nov. 8.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today ordered all government troops to cease fire in a last-minute effort to win Communist attendance at Tuesday's scheduled opening of the National Assembly.

The order came at the height of almost uninterrupted, year-long government successes on China's far-flung civil war battlefields and appeared to represent a major concession by Gen. Chiang.

There was no quick comment from the Communists who, despite related military losses, stubbornly had refused to negotiate a truce except on their own terms: Restoration of all territory seized by the government since the quickly aborted January truce, and recognition of political agreements reached early in the year through Gen. George C. Marshall's mediation.

The Communists asked time to study Gen. Chiang's two-page statement. There was no comment from Gen. Marshall's headquarters.

Assembly Meets Tuesday.

The order instructed government troops to cease fire "except as necessary to defend present positions."

It was regarded as a skillful political maneuver to force the Communists into a position of accepting a truce or accepting responsibility for continuing the civil war.

The generalissimo said the Assembly definitely would convene Tuesday and the government was reserving delegate quotas for the Communists and other minor parties in hopes they would participate.

Gen. Chiang warned "the next few weeks are of fatal importance to China" and appealed "to members of my own and all other parties to unite in a final effort to reach agreement by peaceful means for achieving democratization of the government and nationalization of the armed forces."

Gen. Chiang's cease fire order followed by only a few hours a two-day series of conferences with Gen. Marshall and American Ambassador John Leighton Stuart.

Deputed Term Be Met.

The Communists steadfastly had refused to send their delegates to the National Assembly, which is charged with revising and liberalizing China's constitution, unless their terms for peace first were met.

China's minor parties, including the Democratic League and the Youth Party, also refused to participate in the Assembly while the nation was torn internally.

The truce order came with surprising suddenness at almost the minute that would permit Communist delegates to organize and come here from Yenan headquarters and elsewhere for the scheduled Tuesday opening of the Assembly.

Minor party leaders and top-ranking independents who a month ago had turned the Communist "Red" line, here, from his "walkout" to Shanghai, only to see him cling unyielding to his

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Navy Decorates Byrd For Secret Surveys

By the Associated Press

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, polar explorer, was decorated today for secret strategic surveys he made during the war.

The citation said that "serving with distinction in the Navy Department and in various areas outside the continental limits of the United States, Rear Admiral Byrd was employed on special missions to the high frontiers of Europe and in the Pacific."

Admiral Nimitz, during the ceremony, said Admiral Byrd's wartime absence from public Navy operations led "some to think that he had died or was still at the South Pole."

Admiral Byrd "disappeared" from view in 1941, first, because his work has been largely of a very secret nature and, secondly, because he chose and insisted upon completely subordinating himself in teamwork, as good naval officers believe in doing.

The admiral, it was learned, will go with a forthcoming Navy expedition to the Antarctic. Navy officials were not yet ready to discuss details.

Thorpe Named to Head Economic Affairs Office

By the Associated Press

President Truman today appointed Willard L. Thorpe as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He will succeed William L. Clayton, named some time ago to be Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Since July of last year Mr. Thorpe has been deputy to assistant secretary for economic affairs. The new assistant secretary is 47 years old and has held several Government posts since 1933 when he came to Washington with the Committee on Government Statistics.

He was at one time director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and he also served as chairman of the Advisory Committee of the old NRA. He was director of economic research for Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., and editor of Dun's Review from 1935 to 1940.

He also served for several years in the last decade as trustee of the Associated Gas and Electric Corp.

Truman Supports Hannegan Against Demands for Ouster

Some Leaders Blame Defeat on Chairman; Biffle May Join White House Staff

By the Associated Press

Scattered Democratic demands that National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan be fired from the party helm and the cabinet reportedly finds President Truman cold today toward any major changes in his official family.

While there are rumors that some shifts may be made soon in his personal White House staff, the President is said to be standing behind Mr. Hannegan, his Postmaster General, despite the Democratic defeat in Tuesday's congressional elections.

As a direct result of the Democratic-to-Republican shift in congressional control, Senate Secretary Leslie L. Biffle is expected by some friends to transfer his activities from Capitol Hill to the White

House staff after the first of the year.

The Senate elects its own secretary at the beginning of each new Congress, and Mr. Biffle, an Arkansas Democrat and close friend of Mr. Truman, appears unlikely to survive a Republican drive for the office despite his personal popularity.

In line for the post is Carl A. Loeffler, veteran legislative employee, who began as a page boy and has served for years as secretary of the Republican minority.

Mr. Hannegan went to Walter Reed Hospital yesterday for a physical checkup. Hence there was no immediate reaction from him to an assertion by Representative Slaughter, Democrat, of Missouri, that Mr. Truman ought to dismiss his old

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President and Aides Begin Charting Course For Next Two Years

By Joseph A. Fox

The Truman administration today dug into the job of charting a course for the next two years in which the opposition will control the legislative branch.

The President met with his cabinet for the first time since the Republican landslide Tuesday and, while aides said only routine matters were listed for consideration, it seemed certain that the top command of the Democrats would give the least preliminary consideration to the program to be followed.

The cabinet meeting started to break up after 30 minutes and members were tight-lipped about the discussion there.

Secretary of War Patterson said the election was talked about "only in a very general way." Secretary of Agriculture Anderson parried reporters' questions, but said "no" in response to a question as to whether the President and cabinet had talked over the administration's course in the light of the impending Republican control of House and Senate.

Jokes About Southwest Trend.

Mr. Anderson said that he "kidded" the President about the "trend" in the Southwest—his own State of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado—where the Democrats scored victories.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross was asked at his news conference if "anything further crystallized on the President's course in view of the election" and said "no."

To the fore of the questions that were answered is the extent to which co-operation will be sought with the Republicans on Capitol Hill that the President will call in his own congressional advisers on this to be expected.

No Idea of Quitting.

Throughout the Roosevelt-Truman tenure Democratic congressional leaders have come to the White House weekly when the Senate and House were in session, to discuss the progress of legislation, and there is natural speculation now as to whether there will be anything comparable with this arrangement continued.

An indication of the President's plans is expected early next week when a news conference is contemplated. At present, the only things certain are that the President has no idea of quitting the White House as a Republican, or of setting up a coalition cabinet. Close

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Bulletin Collins Surrenders

NEW YORK (AP).—James Collins, object of an international hunt for questioning in the alleged \$300,000 Mergenthaler Linotype Co. embezzlement, surrendered today to District Attorney Miles F. McDonald in a restaurant two blocks from the district attorney's office, Mr. McDonald announced.

The purge is the first extension of Gen. MacArthur's January directive outside of central government officials. It already had removed 180,000 national government officials. The extension later may include top wartime economic leaders.

The order specified that officials who fail to pass the screening will be eliminated 60 days before the

purge was announced almost simultaneously with circulation of the agenda for the next Allied Council meeting, Wednesday, when members are scheduled to discuss the Russian-proposed topic, the effect of the original purge on Diet members.

It was reported reliably that the government compiled today's extensive list after first submitting one which Gen. MacArthur's staff termed unacceptable.

Rumors of the purge, circulated the past two weeks, already had caused wholesale resignations of prefectural officials.

Application of the purge is expected to have a widespread effect on the present political parties grooming for prefectural elections and probably will disjoin rural administrative machinery for a while.

U. S. Backs Proposal For U. N. to Reopen 5 Nations' Rejection

By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 8.—The American delegation decided today to throw its weight behind a proposal asking the United Nations Security Council to reconsider the five countries rejected for U. N. membership and to oppose "coercive action" against Franco Spain in the Assembly.

There was no immediate indication what the American position would be if the Council reopens the membership question, but on the basis of past arguments it was believed American Delegate Herschel V. Johnson would call for the blanket entry of all five, including Soviet-sponsored Albania and Outer Mongolia.

Under that situation Russia should persist in vetoing the admission of Portugal, Ireland and Trans-Jordan, it was anticipated that the United States then would return to its policy of voting against Albania and Outer Mongolia individually. Both those countries failed to muster the necessary seven of the eleven Council votes in the initial discussions.

On the Spanish question the American delegation merely decided to adhere to its stand for condemnation of the Madrid government but in opposition to any action such as a worldwide break in relations.

Working on Veto Proposal.

American delegates, meanwhile, were reported still working on a proposal concerning the much-debated question of the veto, but no concrete plan was anticipated before next week.

Poland originally asked for severance of diplomatic relations with the Madrid government but was overruled.

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Greek Village Reported Looted, Burned in Battle

By the Associated Press

ATHENS, Nov. 8.—The Ministry of Public Order said today that the village of Kato Souremna had been looted and burned during a six-hour battle in which one villager and one soldier were killed and one member of an attacking band was killed or wounded.

The communists said a "leftist band, 150 strong," attacked the village near the Greek-Yugoslav-Bulgarian border.

The ministry reported that in Mourahades, near Larisa, "members of a Communist band" kidnapped five rightists and that in Salonika two hand grenades were thrown into a coffee house frequented by army officers and "100 nationalists" but failed to explode.

Press reports said the gendarmerie engaged a "Communist band" in two actions among the clouds at the Macedonian mountain village of Kalyvi, near Xanthi. Three members of the band were reported killed and munitions, supplies and food seized. Two gendarmes were said to have been wounded.

Bands were reported to have attacked Krateron, near Philorina, and escaped into Yugoslavia.

Truman Appoints John O'Dea To PUC People's Counsel Post

Washingtonian Named To Succeed Lauderdale For Four-Year Term

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Mr. O'Dea succeeds James W. Lauderdale, who recently was made a member of the PUC. His appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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\$369,099 New Gifts Increase Chest Total To 54 Pct. of Goal

Reports Filed at Today's Luncheon Bring Figure To \$2,298,039

Contributions totaling \$369,099.40 to the Community Chest Federation campaign were announced today at the sixth report luncheon at the United States Chamber of Commerce Building. The report raised the total to \$2,298,039.92, or 54.72 per cent of the campaign goal of \$4,200,000.

BULLETIN

The Residential Unit will be in the spotlight with Mrs. Angus Dun, chairman of the unit, giving a comprehensive report of the work of her solicitors.

Ingrid Bergman, stage and screen star, appeared here in Maxwell Anderson's play, "Joan of Lorraine," was to attend the meeting and present special awards to three team captains in the Residential Unit who have reached 100 per cent coverage in their assigned territories.

Miss Bergman planned to go to the luncheon from the White House, where she was to be received by Mrs. Truman and present the President's wife with a red feather pin for her efforts in aiding the Community Chest campaign.

Several Units to Report.

Reports are expected today from several of the campaign units. Contributions to date total \$1,928,940, or 45.93 per cent of the campaign goal of \$4,200,000.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Dun, about 2,000 volunteer solicitors have assumed responsibility for organizing 31 teams to go from house to house to raise gifts for the campaign.

Workers have been asked to serve in their own neighborhoods as far as possible, Mrs. Dun said, because it has been established that a volunteer solicitor achieves a more friendly and effective response to the appeal of the campaign when he is able to work among his own friends and neighbors.

She added that "there has been a definite tendency in the response to solicitation since this campaign opened for housewives and others to overlook the chance to make personal gifts to the campaign."

"Too often our Residential Unit volunteers, and those in the counties, too, pounding the pavement from house to house, have heard house-

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Albanian Recognition Chances Fade as U. S. Mission Is Recalled

State Department Says Informal Political Talks With Red Regime Failed

The United States today announced withdrawal of its informal political mission from Albania under conditions apparently dooming any prospect of American recognition of the Soviet-supported Albanian regime headed by Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha.

This Government last year offered to recognize the Hoxha regime if it would confirm validity of all treaties and agreements which were in force between the United States and Albania when that country was invaded by Italy in 1939.

The State Department said today that the regime has failed to confirm recognition of old bilateral treaties between the two countries, and as a result this Government "has concluded that the American mission has no longer serves a useful purpose by remaining in Albania."

The announcement noted differences between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Soviet and Slav nations in the Russian "bloc" have supported Albania's application for membership in the United Nations, which has been blocked by this Government and Great Britain.

The State Department made public a letter sent to Gen. Hoxha on November 7.

Twelve Saved as Ship Sinks

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Nov. 8 (AP).—The Cuban ship Camco I, en route to Ciudad Trujillo from San Juan, Puerto Rico, sank yesterday near Saona Island, off the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic. All 12 passengers and crewmen were rescued by the Dominican coast guard.

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Congress to Be Asked To Order Full Probe of Reds in U. S. Service

Rees Plans to Take Lead In Demand for Action At January Session

By Joseph Young

The new Republican Congress will be asked to authorize a sweeping investigation of alleged penetration by Communists and fellow travelers into the Federal service.

This became apparent today when Representative Rees of Kansas, who probably will be the new chairman of the House Civil Service Committee, told The Star by long-distance telephone from his home in Emporia, Kans., that he favors such an investigation.

Mr. Rees would not say specifically what his future course of action will be, declaring, "It would be presumptuous for me to say anything until I know for certain that I will be the chairman of the committee."

To Take Lead for Action.

The Kansas indicated, however, he would take the lead in asking for immediate action when Congress convenes in January.

"Every one knows how I stand on the matter," Mr. Rees remarked, referring to his unsuccessful attempts during the past two years as ranking minority member of the committee to obtain authorization for such an investigation.

During the last session of Congress, Mr. Rees frequently took the floor to charge that known Communists and fellow travelers were being permitted to remain on the Federal payroll and that sufficient precautions were not being taken to screen out subversive persons applying for Government jobs.

The Kansas sharply criticized the Civil Service Commission for what he charged was its refusal to reopen the investigation of suspected open Communists already on the Federal payroll. This the commission refused to do on the ground it was not authorized, under existing regulations, to reopen the employees' cases once they had passed the original investigation.

Investigations Cease.</